November 15 - 22, 2026

Thanksgiving Eve and Advent

Thanksgiving Eve: Wednesday, November 25
6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Advent: December 2 & 9
12:00 pm and 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall
~ You are invited to bring a bag lunch to the 12:00 pm service ~

Blue Christmas: December 16
12:00 pm and 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Troop #167 Pancake Breakfast
Join us on Sunday, November 15 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall as Troop #167 hosts a free-will offering pancake breakfast! All are welcome! We hope to see you for a delicious breakfast and an opportunity to support a wonderful group of kids.

Here's Looking at You…
To volunteer some of your time in the office! We are looking for an individual to sit at the volunteer desk for a couple of hours in the morning, two Thursdays a month. We need you to stuff announcements, prepare mailing, answer phones, greet guests, and an occasional project. If you are interested, please contact Jenni [JenniA@splcmn.org] to figure out a schedule that works best.

Rooted Wednesdays Discontinued
Due to lighter-than-expected turnout for our Rooted Wednesday evenings, we are going to pause this programming for the time being. The Adult Discipleship will continue to meet on Wednesdays but at an earlier time of 6:00 pm.

Thanksgiving Gift Cards
Please check the Thanksgiving gift card board in the Mission Corner for the next two weeks. Take a tag and purchase a Walmart gift card to be given to help families for Thanksgiving. We are working with Hayes and North Park Elementary schools to help families in need. Please indicate the dollar amount on the card and return it by November 15. We will be delivering the gift cards during that week, which will enable families to shop for the holiday.

Youth Retreat
Calling all youth 6th through 12th grade...save the date for our fall retreat! Friday, November 20 from 6:00 pm to Saturday, November 21 at 12:00 am. (6:00 pm to Midnight) This will be a night of fun, food, and learning. If your youth is interested in attending, or you are interested in chaperoning this event, please contact our Director of Faith Formation, Connie at [ConnieY@splcmn.org] by November 16.

Office and Food & Clothing Shelf Closed
In observation of the Thanksgiving holiday, the office will be closed on Thursday, November 26. The Food & Clothing Shelf will be closed on Friday, November 27 (the office is already closed on Fridays).

Cinnamon Roll Sale!
They're coming back… ooey, gooey, fresh-baked cinnamon rolls! Is your mouth watering yet? What better way to support our youth than by purchasing a delicious treat? Cinnamon rolls will be on sale Sunday, November 22, in between worship services in the Gathering Corner for $5 each. Proceeds from this fundraiser will help support the youth attending the summer mission trip. These rolls sell out quickly each year, so be sure to come early! Sweet rolls for a sweet cause — thank you for supporting our youth!

Thanksgiving Community Supper
As has been our custom for the past few years, we will be having a traditional Thanksgiving dinner for our Community Supper on Wednesday, November 25. Many of you have already donated food items for this dinner, however we are still in need of turkey gravy, cans of corn, cans of pumpkin, and of course, turkey. This year, to make food prep easier, we are using Jennie-O turkey roasts in a bag. They are smaller so we will need many more, but they are so much easier and preparation will be a one-day event instead of two. If you would like to donate one, you may put it into the freezer in the back room of the kitchen or donate money.

Christmas Shoppe
Our Christmas Shoppe is early this year, December 5, so we need gifts earlier. The Giving Trees will be up on Wednesday, November 18, and please return any donated gifts December 2. We know how expensive things are getting and everyone is feeling the effects of higher prices. Consider pooling your money with your book club, group, committee, and circle friends to stretch that dollar!

Youth Holiday Market
Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 6 when our youth host their annual Holiday Market in the Mission Corner. They will be making items to sell and welcome donations too! Baked goods and any other handmade holiday gift ideas you may wish to donate are appreciated. Items should be dropped off by Wednesday, December 2. Please contact our Director of Faith Formation, Connie with questions [ConnieY@splcmn.org].

Annual Christmas Pageant!
Did you know the Christmas story began long before the manger in Bethlehem? Join us on Sunday, December 6, during our 9:00 am worship service as our Children, Youth & Family Ministry presents, "From the Roots of Jesse to the Manger"! Together, we'll journey through generations of God's promises, discovering how the story of Christmas is rooted in God's love and faithfulness…and how that story continues through us today! Mark your calendars! You won't want to miss this special celebration of faith, hope, and God's love woven through generations!

Christmas Concert
Join us for a beautiful musical illustration of Christmas on Sunday, December 13 at 4:00 pm. Come and listen to the sounds of the Sanctuary Choir, Bells of Praise, Worship Band, Organ, and more! Afterward, enjoy refreshments in the Gathering Corner, provided by the Parish Fellowship Committee. It is sure to be a great evening filled with joy and merriment of the season!

Prayers of the People:
For healing, guidance, & wholeness of life
Bobby West, Carrie & Nikki, Thomas, Brent Swenson, Joseph Moore, Lloyd Schleicher, Dave and Cheryl Simmons, Carol Gabrielson, Gary Markestad

For safety and guidance while serving in the military
Tyler, Rhiannon, Derek, Noah, Alex, Micheal, Todd